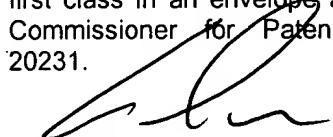




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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, line 6 (as amended by the preliminary amendment filed February 16, 2000), please change "is 08/752,162" to is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/752,162.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

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